Hedwig Reicher Has Silent Role

Strindberg's Drama,"The Stronger," Compels Actress to Express Herself With Glances, Gestures and Occasional Laughter.

BY CHARLES DARNTON.

striking contrast to the woman on the stage who held her tongue for an hour were the women in the audience who loosed theirs in maddenng chatter between the two plays by guet Strindberg that were given at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre yesterday afternoon under the direction of the soDowell Club.

The allent woman of "The Stronger" might easily have been used as one of the arguments against the sanity of berg during his troubled existsee. Lest even the elect should go estray, Edwin Bjorkman, Strindberg's siographer and translator, acted as a living sign post to point the way in an introductory address that attempted to put a valuation on the erratic author's earching studies in abnormal humanity for the normal human being. The earnest speaker assured us that Strindberg's characters were not really so abnormal after all, and then added that if they were these studies in psychology indicated the depths lurking in every nature and so might be the means of saving us from ourselves. This interesting theory notwithstanding, Strindberg stood forth as an extraordinarily original dramatist with a genius for making morbid characters live and a confirmed misanthropy toward life in general. Phose who saw "The Father" a year or so ago need not be told his opinion of 'the female of the species."

The novelty of yesterday afternoon's by Miss Hedwig Reicher—the incidental humor of it in the American weekly she Christmas Eve Mrs. X. meets her rival, Miss Y., and taunts the remarkably selfcontrolled actress with her loss of influence over the husband who has aparently settled down to domestic life. Secure in the possession of her home,

her husband and her children, the wife reminds the other woman of her loneliness. Even when envy grows to re-crimination the rival says nothing in return. Only her mocking expression, her typical saughter and her disdainful gestures tell her side of the story. To con- who is married and has a family should own him come tell her side of the story. onal minds the wife may seem the stronger, but others have at least the can be privilege of ending the play with an in-

or elevated and new schear; perfect house, finely finished, handsomely decorated; on a heautiful houserard; 7 rooms; tiled bath and westblete parake the enigmatic Strindberg's meaning too clear, her glances, gestures and laughter were slike a word to the wise. Looking unusually beautiful, she over-came most of the difficulties of her role ing too clear, her glances, gestures and Looking unusually beautiful, she over-came most of the difficulties of her role with a remarkably expressive face. Her apreciation of the sardonic humor of he situation was always apparent. Miss Mabel Moore made the wife sufficiently commonplace to serve as a good foil. In the second play, "Parish," Frank as a forger whose back did not t his front-which was one way of looking at the criminal who lived in constant of jail. The burden of a peculiarly subtle performance rested upon Mr. ting of the character was suggested in various deft touches given it by an actor the may always be trusted to combine ice with skill. Walter Hampden will turn it into a specific as the healthy philosopher who had accidentally Worth \$700 to \$850 kept still about it as a matter of common sense and in justice to himself and

tis family. sther, not as rivals in love, but as studies in the psychology of the criminal and his relation to society. The keen and the difference between courage and cowardice gave the play an intellectual interest that was as tense as the dialogue itself.

The Drama Committee of the Mac-Dowell Club may well be proud of the manner in which it has produced two plays that are worth thinking about.

NOTES OF THE THEATRES.

Adrienne Augarde, the English singer who was the Rose Maid here last season, has died after an operation for ndicitis at Chicago, where she was playing in vaudeville on the Orpheum

George Foster Platt will open Walfack's March 31 with Nance O'Neill in "Ann Boyd," a dramatization by Lucille Laverne of Will N. Harben's novel.

A big welcome is being arranged for Boorge M. Cohan next Monday in Chicago, where he has not played in four years. Sam Harris left for the Windy City to-day.

George Edwardes, who produced "The Seisha" in London, wants the revival DIAMONDS ON CREDIT company at the Weber-Fields to go to WATCHES AT MAKES BERGMAN.

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"When Claudia Smiles," with Blanche Ring wearing the sunshine, will be put on at Ithaca, N. Y., April 7.

Charles Dillingham has arranged to give his chorus zirls a weekly night off o enable taem to see other shows.

6k Herbert Tree, in his Snakespeare tall, will produce "Macbeth," "Tweifth "Henry VIII." and "Merry Wives of Windsor." His season is to

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